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WILSON ENJOYS RIOT OF FUN AT GRIDIRON FEAST

Campaign Figures Form Butt
of Jokes in Uproari-
ous Skits.

"MISS RANKIN" THERE

But "Congresswoman" Is Unveiled and
Proves to Be Reportorial
Neophyte.

Come, let us have a jolly time.
No matter who's elected.
Our troubles let us minimize.
Even though we're rejected.

For tonight we'll merry, merry be.
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For tonight we'll merry, merry be.
Our worries now are over.

Merry indeed were the guests of The Gridiron Club at the December dinner given last night at the New Willard Hotel.

The President of the United States, with Ambassadors, Ministers from foreign countries, Justices of the Supreme Court, Senators, Representatives, financiers and men prominent in all walks of life had a jolly time, forgetting in the four hours of harmless fun and frivolity the worries of life.

The large ball-room of the New Willard never looked prettier. Panels of American Beauty roses, banks of orchids and magnificent chrysanthemums blended in to one beautiful harmonious color effect. The whole scheme was a masterpiece of small's artistic skill.

The various skits bore on the late campaign and prominent persons in all parties were humiliated in a polite way, bits of wit and humor.

The President of the United States was not excepted and his enjoyment of all that was said and done was manifest to all present.

Immediately after the soup the fun began and a member of the club appeared in the well, addressing President Strayer with: "Mr. President, The Committee on Initiation and Inauguration of the Gridiron Club desire to hold the first session of the sixty-fifth Congress here tonight to arrange some very important preliminary matters."

Brass Band Leads.
A brass band headed by a member uniformly as a real dress major entered followed by the committee impersonating the clerk of the House and various Representatives.

The clerk called the House to order and proceeded with the election of a Speaker. On roll call Mr. Clark received 215 votes, Mr. Mann 218, scattering four.

"Gussie Gardner" moved a suspension of the rules and both were declared elected as Speakers.

The swearing in of the new members followed and when Montana was reached a member of the club dressed as an up-to-date woman stood up and responded to the name of Miss Rankin.

Numerous objections were raised, but the woman member was sworn. A member of the club at this point rushed up to Miss Rankin, pulled off her wig and said: "This is no woman? This is Arthur S. Hendrix of the Chicago Tribune. He was not elected to Congress but to membership in The Gridiron Club."

"I'd rather be a member of The Gridiron Club than any woman on earth," said the new member.

Made a Member.
"On that statement I declare you a member of The Gridiron Club."

At this point the guests of the Gridiron Club were requested to imagine themselves before the public square at Kilderville, Kan., on some morning in October last. For the benefit of those who were inclined to believe this a fictitious town, it was told that there really is such a place as Kilderville, Kan.

"Women and men of Kilderville," spoke the mayor, "I've just been told by the telegraph operator that the Millinery Special is en route to the country, for to view the scenery and to be seen by the common people, is again to stop here for fifteen minutes this mornin'." It's entirely a woman's party. These ladies came from Fifth Avenue, No. 100 Wall Street, and from Newport, which is a sort of down-East Chautauqua for the idle rich, near as I can make out.

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ACCUSED OF STEALING, LEAPS TO HIS DEATH

President of Wagner Trading Company
Takes Life in Brooklyn.

(By The International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 9.—Christopher Wagner, president of the Wagner Trading Company, leaped from the fourth floor of the Montauk Club, Brooklyn, tonight rather than submit to arrest. His death was instantaneous. He was accused of stealing a check for \$1,000.

Detective Vaughan and Henry Meyerberg, vice president of the Wagner Trading Company, went to Wagner's rooms on the fifth floor of the clubhouse about 7 o'clock. Wagner was found dead in pajamas.

Wagner dressed hastily and the trio repaired to go to the police station. They used the stairway instead of the elevator. On the fourth floor, Wagner asked permission to enter a wash room. Vaughan consented. A moment after Wagner closed the door, Vaughan regretted having left Wagner. He pushed the door open, only to see Wagner climbing over a low guard rail on the balcony outside the window. While the two men stood within ten feet of him, utterly unable to prevent it, Wagner slid over the railing.

FATE OF U. S. SHIP IN DOUBT.

New York, Dec. 9.—Uncertainty today still clouded the reported sinking in the Mediterranean of the steamer Virginia. Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, owners of the steamer thought to have gone down, had no advice today concerning her. The Virginia was bound for Genoa with a general cargo.

Pay-Raise Campaign Developments of Day

Developments yesterday in the movement for increased salaries for government employees:

- 1—Plans made for big mass meeting in District to discuss need for higher wages.
- 2—Representative Lever, of South Carolina, chairman of House Committee on Agriculture, declares in favor of higher salaries.
- 3—Senators Robinson, Cummins, Thompson, of Kansas; Thomas, Jones, of Washington; Smith, of Arizona; Shields, Lee, of Maryland; Shafroth, of Colorado; Stone and Walsh join members of Congress who favor better pay for government employees.
- 4—Federal Employees' Union prepares petition and bill embodying its plan for graded increases, for presentation to Congress next week.
- 5—Rev. Dr. Abram Simon joins the list of clergymen who believe Federal workers should receive relief from the high cost of living in increased compensation.

PAY PLEA BACKED BY 38,000 UNIONS

Plans for Mass Meeting to Aid
U. S. Employees in Com-
mittee's Hands.

More than 38,000 local labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will take up the fight of the government employees for increased salaries, and plans for a big mass meeting to be held in the District and urge action at the present session of Congress.

These were developments in the higher wage movement yesterday.

The mass meeting will be held within ten days, probably in Convention Hall, and invitations will be extended to members of Congress, Cabinet officers and prominent citizens to address the gathering. Plans for this meeting are being made by a committee headed by E. L. Cogan.

The committee will meet in the A. F. of L. building tomorrow night. The 38,000 or more locals affiliated with the A. F. of L. were asked to adopt resolutions endorsing the movement and individual members were requested to solicit the support of their members of Congress for the Federal workers.

Distribution of petitions which will be signed and presented to the President started yesterday under the direction of E. J. Newmyer. The petitions point out:

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160,000 ARE IN JAWS OF LOAN-SHARK TRUST

Chicago Investigator Tells How Women
Agents Lure on Usury Victims.

(By The International News Service.)
Chicago, Dec. 9.—One hundred and sixty thousand persons are in the grip of a loan shark trust, a powerful organization for mutual protection and benefit that is complete with mystic words, signs and numbers, according to the report to the public welfare department of Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, an investigator, made public today.

The various companies in the "usury trust" exchange all available information regarding prospective borrowers, the report says, and thus in a few hours after an applicant has received the money one either gets the money or is turned down.

The business done by the 139 agencies said to be banded together, amounts to \$1,500,000 annually.

Women predominate among heads of agencies, the report adds, and women are used to lure the victim to borrow beyond his needs and later to harass those who do not meet their obligations promptly.

TEUTON RAIDER CAUSES TERROR IN ATLANTIC

One British Vessel Held Up—U-Boat
Reported Near U. S.

(By The International News Service.)
London, Dec. 9.—A German raider, similar to the famous Mowe, or possibly that ship, has made its appearance in the North Atlantic.

The captain of a British vessel, the name of which was withheld arrived here today and reported that the mysterious raider had been sighted "holding up an unidentified ship in the North Atlantic. The captain, it was said, did not wait for details, but fled for safety."

New York, Dec. 9.—Fresh reports of the presence of a German submarine off the coast led to unusual precautions on the part of trans-Atlantic liners leaving this port today. The United States flag was painted on both sides of the American liner St. Louis' hull and electric lights were strung around the flags so that they could be plainly seen at night.

The French liner Espagne made a quick dash to sea through fog and rain. It was reported that she would mount guns fore and aft when she got beyond the three-mile limit.

BUSINESS FAILS; BURNS HOME.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The kindergarten which she started after her graduation was a financial failure, so Mrs. Elizabeth McGowan, beautiful and accomplished, set her home on fire to get \$1,500 insurance, according to her confession to the police today. As a result warrants have been issued for Leroy Trauger, an insurance agent, and William P. Brennan, a real estate dealer, whom she accuses of suggesting the plan as a way to make easy money.

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The Government Employee.

From the New York World.

NEW U-BOAT NOTE

President to Demand Dis-
avowal of Attacks.

President Wilson, through Secretary of State Lansing, soon will make demands upon Germany that submarine attacks upon the steamers Marina and Arabia be disavowed and the submarine commanders punished. It was learned yesterday.

The decision to take this action was said to be based upon information that Great Britain is preparing to present a complete denial to this government of the German claim that the Arabia appeared and maneuvered like a British transport when she was sunk.

A note formally demanding disavowal, and also informing Germany that the United States can not excuse further "mistakes" of submarine commanders, is receiving the personal consideration of President Wilson and is expected to be forwarded shortly to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin for delivery to the foreign office.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, have since receiving final information on the Marina, been "more firmly convinced" that further action was essential. Only two courses were given serious consideration. They were:

Breaking of diplomatic relations. Demands for disavowal, with warning that further "mistakes" would not be countenanced.

Germany has anticipated the course of this government and is already outlining her course of action. It was believed.

Youth Shoots Self After Alleged Quarrel with Girl

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 9.—Wallace Adams, 18 years old, a machinist of Del Ray, Alexandria County, Va., shot himself in the left shoulder about 11 o'clock tonight in front of the home of Miss Cornelia Webber, 39 North St. Asaph street.

He was removed to Alexandria Hospital and attended by Dr. N. Delaney. The police say Adams shot himself following a quarrel with his sweetheart. The young man's condition is not regarded as serious.

SHELLS FALL IN PALACE YARD.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 9.—During the disorder in Athens on December 1 allied warships bombarded the city and shells fell in the courtyard of King Constantine's palace, says an item given out by the Overseas News Agency today.

Another Peace Voyage Urged by W. J. Bryan

(By The International News Service.)
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—A resolution urging that another peace expedition, similar to that fathered by Henry Ford, be sent to Europe, was introduced at this afternoon's session of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America after the plan had been suggested by William Jennings Bryan in a speech. The resolution was sent to the committee.

Bryan asked that Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches join in the movement.

PLEADS WITH WILSON TO STOP GREAT WAR

William Bayard Hale, Fresh from
Somme Front, Sends Open Letter.

William Bayard Hale, author of a biography of Woodrow Wilson, in an open letter addressed to the President, calls upon him to set in motion executive and diplomatic machinery to bring about the ending of the war in Europe. The letter was written following a visit by Hale to the Somme battle front, where the horrors of war inspired him to seek some means of bringing about peace.

Mr. Hale filed the letter at The Hague, cable charges prepaid, but the British censor stopped its transmission. Matt copies of the letter have reached this country.

Of the scenes at Somme he uses this descriptive phrase: "These stretching miles of landscape, stricken, smitten, forgotten of God and accursed of men."

"It is possible that it is within the power of one man to end this hideous thing," asks Mr. Hale, and he answers: "I believe it is so."

Mr. Hale accuses Mr. Lloyd George of "flinging insult into the teeth of the President and the Pope."

"This war is at a standstill," he argues, and concludes with the question: "Is not this the moment to intervene?"

STRUCK BY CAR; DIES.

Mary Campbell, 78 years old, residing at 913 H street northwest, who was struck by a car at Tenth and G streets on December 4, died at Emergency Hospital about 11:30 o'clock last night from fracture of the skull and bruise.

INSURANCE MAN SHOT.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 9.—J. M. Mackintosh, manager of the local branch of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America, was shot and probably fatally wounded today in his office. Felix Schmutzow, a discharged employee, was arrested charged with the crime.

GREECE IS DEFIANT

Reported Mobilizing Army.
Expect Teuton Drive.

(By The International News Service.)
Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—History-making events are coming to pass in Greece. Like shell splinters falling outside a beleaguered city, fragments of news are shooting across the cable and radio lanes of Europe from various big points in the Near East. They tell about as much of what is really happening in the Hellenic kingdom as a shell splinter can tell of the progress of the bombardment.

The censors in Athens and Saloniki are revealing in the noval capacity of self-appointed staff correspondents of the universe. In eager rivalry they are sending the watchword and "scope" are appraised by their quality as propaganda, pro-Greek, pro-German and pro-Greek, though very little of the latter, owing to the vagueness of the accepted definition of that character.

Only two facts are universally conceded and authenticated:

"Greece is in the grip of an allied blockade. It became effective yesterday morning, in less than three weeks, if this blockade is not lifted, starvation will stalk through the land of the Hellenes."

The second fact is that in spite of this "hunger war" against his people, King Constantine continues steadfastly defiant. He is mobilizing his army, estimated at 50,000 strong.

The inevitable conclusion drawn everywhere, including the entente countries, from this state of affairs, is that Constantine is figuring upon an early Teuton drive against the allies in Macedonia. Reports that he has been assured by the central powers that such a drive is about to be launched, and possibly on the way, are generally credited.

PACKETS CRASH; PANIC ENSUES.

Gallipoli, Ohio, Dec. 9.—Panic reigned for a short time today on board the Pittsburgh and Charleston packet Tell City, when it collided with the local packet C. C. Bowyer at the wharf here, nearly sinking the latter vessel. The collision occurred in a blinding wind and snowstorm. The Tell City was not seriously damaged, but the Bowyer had to be towed to dry dock.

POOR, POOR DEVILFISH.

New York, Dec. 9.—The devil fish of the Caribbean waters will next claim the attention of Col. Theodore Roosevelt. It was reported here today. The Colonel is said to have agreed to join the expedition of Prof. Russell J. Coles, naturalist, for a search of southern waters which will start next March. The Colonel himself refused to discuss his plans.

"They're personal matters," he said, "and as such I don't care to discuss them."

APPROVES MAN-POWER BILL.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 9.—Dr. Haas, a member of the Reichstag and an official in the new government of Poland, has given his unqualified endorsement of the auxiliary national service bill (man-power measure) by which all the industrial forces of Germany will be mobilized.

"This bill is new proof of Germany's gift for organization," said he. "It is proof of the whole nation's readiness to mobilize all civil forces for national work."

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Every Hour on the Hour, Baltimore and Ohio, \$1.75 round trip. Saturdays and Sundays, \$1.50.—Adv.

British Not to Renew Shell Contracts Here

By International News Service.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—Within six months from now, at the latest, England will not order another finished shell in the United States. By that time British shell contracts with American manufacturers will have expired. No renewal will be made.

Announcement to this effect was made today by J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial munitions board for Canada, upon his return from England, where he was for nine weeks conferring with the British munitions minister.

The discontinuance of shell contracts in the United States signifies a shifting of the main task of supplying munitions for Great Britain to Canada.

Raw materials, such as copper, brass and steel, will continue to be bought in the United States.

WALDORF ASTOR SLATED FOR JOB

Expected to Get Undersecretaryship in George's New Government.

(By The International News Service.)
London, Dec. 9.—Waldorf Astor, son of William Waldorf Astor, who in 1889 became a naturalized British subject, was tonight said to be slated for an undersecretaryship in the government now being formed by Premier Lloyd George.

Waldorf Astor is a member of Parliament and is connected with the Pall Mall Gazette and Observer. He is a conservative and represents Plymouth. He has long taken active part in political affairs and an undersecretary, traditionally one of the steps on the ladder to a cabinet seat, is believed to be one of his long cherished ambitions.

Latest reports tonight from sources close to the new premier agreed that these will be his principal aides:

Chancellor of the exchequer, Bonar Law, lord chancellor, Sir Robert Finlay, first lord of the admiralty, Sir Edward Carson, home secretary, George Cave, foreign secretary, A. J. Balfour, minister for colonies, Walter Long; secretary for war, Lord Derby; India, Austen Chamberlain; munitions, Christopher Addison; labor, Arthur Henderson; board of trade, Sir Albert Stanley; air service, Lord Curzon.

Lord Milner is said to be slated for the office of food controller. Sir Herbert Parker, it is reported, will be offered an undersecretaryship.

The cabinet which is expected to be called together for meetings only on important decisions, will be composed of Lloyd George, Sir Edward Carson, Bonar Law, Christopher Addison and Arthur Henderson. Two other ministers are expected to be added to this list.

Those among the Liberal leaders who are unable to follow former Premier Asquith in burying their personal bitterness for the sake of national unity today pointed to the irony of circumstances presented by the fact that Lloyd George is to be head of the war council. It was his objection to the idea of the premier-then Asquith—being a member of the war council that led to the whole governmental reconstruction.

Laws Held Inadequate.

Mr. Anderson said last night that the people should not expect too much to be done in the way of apprehending speculators. He declared that the laws under which proceedings can be instituted are inadequate and strongly intimated that chief reliance for relief from the present food price situation must come from a carrying out of the boycott for which he appealed.

Concrete evidence has been produced, said Mr. Anderson, regarding the operation of the food and coal cartage. Most of them are brokers in large cities. Their method is to order car loads of coal or food, have it shipped to within a short distance of their city, and then hold it there, paying car demurrage, if necessary, until prices rise. Then the cars are brought in and the freight sold at increased prices, says Mr. Anderson.

His advice: Buy nothing at panic prices. Buy only the cheap foods."

GERMANS TAKE 70,000 IN EIGHT-DAY DRIVE

Russo-Rumanian Forces Begin Another
Offensive in Carpathians.

(By The International News Service.)
Amsterdam, Dec. 9.—The capture of 70,000 Rumanians since December 1—an average of more than 8,000 daily for eight days—was announced by the Berlin war office today. The military booty in that period included 184 cannon and 120 machine guns.

These figures, based upon a "superficial clearing up" of the battlefield around Bucharest, the Berlin statement adds, should not lead to the degree the Rumanian army is demoralized.

The Rumanian losses in dead and wounded, it is said, are in proportion to the number of prisoners.

The Russo-Rumanian forces are retreating "all along the line" before Falkenhayn's "rich" and "rapidly" advancing Danube army, Berlin announced.

The Russians have launched another offensive, evidently on a large scale, in the wooded Carpathians. Furious onslaughts throughout the day, and night with important successes, have resulted in local gains for the attackers.

The German war office claims the terrain gained was without proportion to the bloody sacrifices involved.

Petrograd reports the occupation of two heights in the Putna Valley, 500 prisoners being taken.

FOUND DEAD WITH GIRL BRIDE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—Borrowing a friend's automobile, David Bersansky, 21, drove pretty Elva Leup, 18, to whom he was secretly married in September, to an unfrequented road near the Milwaukee Country Club early today. Several hours later their bodies were found in the car and on the automobile floor a revolver with four unexploded cartridges.

The girl was about to become a mother. The police suspect either a suicide pact or that Bersansky killed her and then shot himself.

REPORTER GETS TEN YEARS.

Thompson Falls, Mont., Dec. 9.—Miss Edith Colby, newspaper reporter, today was sentenced to serve ten years in the State penitentiary by Judge McCulloch for the murder of A. C. Thomas, a politician here, last September.

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